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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: The State Center Community College District - Fresno

City College, Fresno, CA

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The State Center Community College District - Fresno City College has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects, in consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, and has determined that there is no cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and any present-day Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. Representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains and associated funerary objects should submit a written request to the State Center Community College District - Fresno City College. If no additional requestors come forward, transfer of control of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

**DATES:** Representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains and associated funerary objects should submit a written request with information in support of the request to the State Center Community College District - Fresno City College at the address in this notice by

[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

ADDRESSES: Dr. Margaret Mericle, Fresno City College of The State Center Community

College District, 1101 East University Avenue, Fresno, CA 93741, telephone (559) 442-8210, email peg.mericle@fresnocitycollege.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the State Center Community College District - Fresno City College, Fresno, CA. The human remains and associated funerary objects were removed from Fresno, Kings or Madera County, CA.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d)(3) and 43 CFR 10.11(d). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains and associated funerary objects. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

## Consultation

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the State Center Community

College District - Fresno City College professional staff in consultation with representatives of
the Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California (previously listed as the Big
Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California); Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of
California; Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California; Middletown Rancheria of
Pomo Indians of California; Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California; Picayune
Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa
Rancheria, California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria
(Verona Tract), California; Table Mountain Rancheria (previously listed as the Table Mountain
Rancheria of California); Tejon Indian Tribe; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River
Reservation, California; and Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of
California.

The California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, Nevada and Oregon; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians (previously listed as the Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California); Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation, Nevada; Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Nevada; Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation, Nevada; and Yerington Paiute Tribe of the Yerington Colony & Campbell Ranch, Nevada were contacted and invited to consult, but did not participate.

Two non-federally recognized groups, the Dunlap Band of Mono Indians and Traditional Choinumni Tribe, were consulted. One non-federally recognized group, the Wukchumni Tribe, was invited to consult, but did not participate. Hereafter, all tribes listed in this section are referred to as "The Consulted and Notified Tribes."

# History and description of the remains

On February 12, 1976, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from a site identified as 2-12-76A, in Fresno, Kings, or Madera County, CA, by Fresno City College instructor Don Wren. The human remains are fragmentary and represent an adult of indeterminate sex. No known individuals were identified. The one associated funerary object is one lot of non-human bone.

Between the early 1960s and 2000, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from an unidentified site in Fresno, Kings, or Madera County, CA, by Fresno City College instructor Don Wren. The human remains are fragmentary and represent an individual of indeterminate age and sex. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

The archeological collections under the control of the State Center Community College

District and housed in the Archeological Repository at Fresno City College derive from

archeological fieldwork done by Wren from the early 1960s through 2000. Over the course of his archeological career, Wren documented over 1,500 archeological sites in Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Mariposa, and Kings Counties. All of the human remains that Wren collected from sites with known provenience were collected from Fresno, Kings, and Madera Counties. In January 2017, during an examination of the faunal collections for the presence of human remains, the human remains described in this inventory were discovered.

# Determinations made by the State Center Community College District - Fresno City College Officials of The State Center Community College District - Fresno City College have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described in this notice are Native
   American based on osteological analysis.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(A), the one object described in this notice is reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), a relationship of shared group identity cannot be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and associated funerary objects and any present-day Indian Tribe.
- According to final judgments of the Indian Claims Commission or the Court of Federal
  Claims, the land from which the Native American human remains and associated
  funerary objects were removed is the aboriginal land of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and
  Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, Nevada and Oregon; PaiuteShoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony, Nevada; Pyramid Lake Paiute

- Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation, Nevada; Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Nevada; Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation, Nevada; and Yerington Paiute Tribe of the Yerington Colony & Campbell Ranch, Nevada.
- Treaties, Acts of Congress, or Executive Orders, indicate that the land from which the Native American human remains and associated funerary objects were removed is the aboriginal land of the Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California (previously listed as the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California); Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians (previously listed as the Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California); Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California; Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California; Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; Table Mountain Rancheria (previously listed as the Table Mountain Rancheria of California); Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation, California; and Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.
- Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.11(c)(1), the disposition of the human remains and associated funerary objects may be to the Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California (previously listed as the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California); Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Cold

Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California; Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, Nevada and Oregon; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians (previously listed as the Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California); Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California; Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California; Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California; Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation, Nevada; Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Nevada; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; Table Mountain Rancheria (previously listed as the Table Mountain Rancheria of California); Tejon Indian Tribe; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation, California; Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation, Nevada; and Yerington Paiute Tribe of the Yerington Colony & Campbell Ranch, Nevada.

## **Additional Requestors and Disposition**

Representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains and associated funerary objects should submit a written request with information in support of the request to Dr. Margaret Mericle, Fresno City College of The State Center Community College District, 1101 East University Avenue, Fresno, CA 93741, telephone (559) 442-8210, email <a href="mailto:peg.mericle@fresnocitycollege.edu">peg.mericle@fresnocitycollege.edu</a>, by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**]. After that date, if no additional requestors have come forward, transfer of control of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California (previously listed as the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California); Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California;

California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of

California; Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California; Fort McDermitt Paiute and

Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, Nevada and Oregon; Ione Band of

Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Band of Miwuk Indians (previously listed as the Jackson

Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California); Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of

California; Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California; Picayune Rancheria of

Chukchansi Indians of California; Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation,

Nevada; Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Nevada; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa

Rancheria, California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria

(Verona Tract), California; Table Mountain Rancheria (previously listed as the Table Mountain

Rancheria of California); Tejon Indian Tribe; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River

Reservation, California; Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of

California; Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation, Nevada; and Yerington

Paiute Tribe of the Yerington Colony & Campbell Ranch, Nevada may proceed.

The State Center Community College District - Fresno City College is responsible for

notifying The Consulted and Notified Tribes that this notice has been published.

Dated: July 17, 2018

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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